

Pole Attachments and Rights-of-Way Use Agreements

Companies requesting to install communications lines in the City of Salem need to contact the City Attorney to begin the process of applying for a Rights-of-Way Use Agreement. The Rights-of-Way Use Agreement contains the obligations, terms and conditions for operating within the corporate limits of the City of Salem. This Agreement must be approved by Salem City Council. The Rights-of-Way Use Agreement allows the use of City streets, alleys, and public ways, only. Generally, a Rights-of-Way Use Agreement does not grant authority to use easements over private property. The Applicant will bear full responsibility for determining its authority to utilize any easement over private property.

To attach to City-owned poles, a separate Pole Attachment Agreement must also be signed by the Applicant and the City. The Pole Attachment Agreement may be obtained from the City Electric Department. The Pole Attachment Agreement covers the obligations, rents, terms and conditions for attaching to City-owned poles. An Agreement between the Applicant and the City to utilize City-owned poles does not grant to the Applicant the authority to utilize City streets, alleys and public ways. This right would be provided in the Rights-of-Way Use Agreement – see above.